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would have succeeded the eider Adams, but even more momentous in its consequences was the long battle between Andrew Jackson and Henry Clay. When Jackson first ran for the Presidency in 1824 the candidates opposing him were Adams, Crawford and Clay. None of the four secured a majority of the electoral college, and the election thus devolved upon the House with choice to be made from the three candidates—Adams, Crawford and Jackson—who had received the most electoral votes. This debarred Clay, who, forced, as he expressed it, to choose between two evils, announced that he had decided to support Adams. But Clay's determination no sooner became known than some of Jackson's friends attempted to drive him from it. The weapon used for this purpose recalls one of the most discreditable incidents in our political history.

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A few days before the time set for the election in the House a letter appeared in a Philadelphia newspaper asserting that Clay had agreed to support Adams upon condition that he be made Secretary that Clay had agreed to support Adams upon condition that he be made Secretary of Stata. The same terms, the letter alleged, had been offered to Jackson's friends, but none of them would "descend to such mean barter and sale." The letter was anonymous, but purported to be written by a member of the House. Clay at once published a card in which he pronounced the writer "a dastard and a liar," who if he dared avow his name, would forthwith be called to the field. Two days later the letter was acknowledged by a witless member from Pennsylvania, Kremer by name, who asserted that the statements he had made were true, and that he was ready to prove them. A duel with such a character was out of the question. Somethins, however, had to be done, and Clay immediately demanded an investigation by a special committee was duly elected. None of its members had supported Clay for the Presidency. Kremer promptly declared

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Soon, however, came the election of Adams by the House, followed quickly by his appointment of Clay as his Secretary of State. Though it is now generally acknowledged that there had been not bargain between Adams and Clay, it was natural that, at the moment, the rank and file of Jackson's following should regard Clay's appointment as conclusive proof that such a deal had been made. By accepting it Clay made himself the victim of circumstantial evidence. As a matter of fact, he hesitated to accept the place, and finally assumed its duties with reluctance. What chiefly determined him was the belief that if he did not accept it, would be argued that he dared not. This to Clay was more chnoxious than the other horn of the dilemma. He, therefore, took the alternate of bold defiance, but in so doing committed a calamittous error.

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A strong effort was made at the moment to reject Clay's nomination. This failing, the cry of "bargain and corruption" was again raised, and with it began another contest for the Presidency, at contest longer and more scandalous than any other in our political annals. Everything that rancorous partisan invention could concoct was spread broadcast by the Jackson journals; nor were clay and Adams the sole objects of the storm of slander. Charges of the most infamous character were made against Jackson, and inflamed his animosity against Adams and Clay to a degree that approached insanity. Jackson believed Clay capable of anything of which the land a storm of the content of the c Fillmore and Weed.

Fillmore and Weed.

A quarrel which unmade, if it did not make, a President was that between Millard Fillmore and Thurlow Weed. Fillmore was one of Weed's political discoveries, and when they met for the first time had just graduated from the wool carder's loom to the dignity of a law office in Buffalo. Fillmore, at Weed's suggestion, was sent to the Legislature, William H. Seward was there serving his first term as Senator, and upon the day that the Legislature met these three men, one of whom was to become President, another the idol of his party and Secretary of State, and the third a maker of Governors, Senators and Presidents, began an intimacy that lasted for more than twenty years. Fillmore, by Weed's help, was sent to Congress, where he speedly became one of the leaders of the Whigs, and also by Weed's direction Seward was elected Governor of and then Senator from New York. Weed brought about the nomination of Fillmore for Governor in 1846, two years later made him comptroller of the State, and in 1848 helped him to second place on the ticket with Taylor.

Taylor and Fillmore were elected, but office

tional convention of the Whigs. Weed controlled the convention, but Fillmore's friends botted and formed an organization of their own, The party was thus split in twain in the pivotal State of New York, and though Scott defeated Fillmore for the nomination in the Whig national convention, it was only to be beaten at the polis. Though Fillmore survived for two-and-twenty years his term as President, but once did he emerge from the retirement to which vaulting ambiltion had consigned him. That was in 1886, when he was nominated for the Presidency by the rump of the Whig party, Fremont being the Republican candidate. Both were defeated by Buchanan.

Greeley's Secession.

Another long-time associate of Weed and Beward was Horace Greeley. For years the three men labored together in behalf of the Whig cause, but in 1856 Greeley withdrew from the allance, charging that his partners had sacrificed him to their lust of power. Weed and Seward on the other hand, maintained that Greeley had seceded because he was disappointed as an officesesker. But whatever its cause, the great editor nursed his grievance and in due time took full and ample revense for it. Like his whilom partners he went into the newly formed Republican party, and speedily won an important and influential place in its councils. Weed and Seward, however, obtained control of the party machinery in New York, and though Greeley desired to go as a delegate to the national Republican convention in 1860, this honor, through their opposition, was deuied him. Greeley was opposed to the candidacy of Seward, but there is little doubt that he would have contented himself with registering his vote against the New York Senator if he had been permitted to attend as a representative of his own State. Angered at the treatment accorded him, he went to Chicago and was substituted for an absent Oregon delegate. His newspaper had given him national fame, and as a proxy for this Western absentce he undermined the works thrown up by Weed in behalf of Seward, and did more than any other one man to secure the nomination of Lincoln. Thus was he revenged upon his former partners.

When the Democration national convention assembled in 1858 it was the purpose of Horatio Seymour and other leaders that Chief Justice Chase, who had become estranged from the Republican party, should be nominated for President, and save for one man's craft and cunning this plan would have been carried into execution. That man was Samuel f. Tilden, who believed that the candidacy of Chase would spell defeat. Instead, he planned with subtle and masterly strategy to nominate Seymour. It had been arranged that Esymour, it had been arranged that Esymour, who had been chose

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Eight years later, when Tilden was himself a candidate and the Presidency seemed within his grasp, his part in the undoing of Chase returned to plague him. Kate Chase Sprague, daughter of the chief justice, was long the most brilliant woman in Washington society, counting among her friends and admirers many of the ablest men in public life. One of these was Roscoe Conkling, Iong a Senator from New York. The vote of Louisiana determined the contest between Tilden and Hayes before the electoral commission of 1877, and, under the bill creating the latter body, it required the approval of the Senate to assure the electoral vote of that State to either candidate. Had it been given to Tilden he would have been the President. Many Republicans, Conkling amons them, believed that Tilden had been rightfully elected, and in the Senate enough votes were mustered to throw the vote of that body in his favor, providing Conkling, would lead in such a course. This he agreed to do, but failed to appear at the critical moment, and the anti-Hayes Republicans, thus left without a leader, fell back to their party lines and gave the vote of Louisiana and the Presidential certificate to Hayes. It came out afterward that Conkling's failure to keep his word was due to the influence and cajolery of Mrs. Sprague, who thus avenged the defeat of her father's nomination. A woman's ill-will lost Tilden the presidency, to which he had been elected by a popuar majdrity of more than a quarter of a million.

Payne's Fight on Thurman. Payne's Fight on Thurman.

In 1830 the unrelenting animosity of Henry B. Payne alone prevented Allen G. Thurman from being made the nomines of the Democratic national convention. In 1857 Payne was a candidate for the Democratio nomination for Governor of Ohio. The convention met in Columbus, and Thurman, then fresh from a period of brilliant service on the Supreme bench of his State, had a friend in whose candidacy for State treasurer he was much interested. Some of Payne's lieutenants, without his knowledge, promised Thurman the support of the Payne forces for his friend in return for the votes he controlled in the convention. Payne won out by a handsome margin, but the Thurman candidate for treasurer failed at the last moment to receive the promised support of the Payne following and was defeated. Payne was not aware of the trick that had been played upon Thurman, but the latter, who scorned double-dealing in any form, was quick to resent it. Within the hour the opportunity to do so fell in his way. The convention ended, Payne went to a hotel for dinner, accompanied by some friends, and in jovial mood \*pened wine in celebration of his success. Presently Thurman and a few friends came in and took seats at an adjoining table. Payne bade the waiter carry a bottle of wine to the newcomers, but in a moment it came back with the gruif message that Mr. Thurman did not care for any of Mr. Payne's wine. In evident surprise at this refusal, Payne rose from his seat and crossed to the group of which Thurman was the central figure.

"If tous you and your friends will drink a bottle of wine with me, judge," he said urbanely. "Drink to my success and the victory of the Democratic party."

"If do not want any of your wine, sir," was the reply. "I told that dammed waiter to say as much to you, sir, a moment ago." And so saying. Thurman turned his back abruptly on the man from Cleveland.

Payne never forgot or forgave this public insult. The quarrel thus begun sver after kept the two men apart, and three In 1880 the unrelenting animosity of Henry B. Payne alone prevented Allen G. Thurman from being made the nomines









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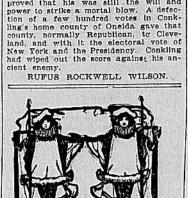
alent to an election by his retusar and a certain man the place he wanted on a certain committee. John Cessna, of Pennsylvania, besought Blaine, while the latter was speaker, to make him chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Houses Blaine declined and gave the place to another man. When the Republican national convention opened in Cincinnating 1876 Cessna was a delegate. "I wan in 1876 Cessna was a delegate." I wan rules," said he to the anti-painte heir,
"and if I don't beat Blaine you can take
my head for a football." Casena was
made chairman of the committee, and in
that capacity brought in a rule to the
effect that after any State had cast its
vote for President, that vote could not
be changed until the result of the whole
ballot had been announced. Few in
the convention were alive to the import
of this rule when it was reported and
adopted, but it, and it alone, defeated
the nomination of Blaine. The original
plan of the Blaine men was to force a
choice on the first ballot—to get enough
changes to their candidate to make his
nomination certain before the result was
announced. The stampeds to Blaine could
not be started, and he was beaten, "I
guess," said Cessna, as he witnessed the
operation of his scheme, "Jim Blaine is
not much shead of me now."

Conkling and Blaine.

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There could be no reconciliated after such an onslaught, and the battle was to the death. Defeated for the Republican nomination by Conkling and his friends in 1876 and again in 1850, Blaine in the latter year threw his following to his friend Garfield, who, nominated and elected, made Blaine his Secretary of State and official right hand. Then came the struggle over the New York patronage, which retired Conkling, and was followed by the assassination of Garfield. In 1854, when Blaine was finally the formal choice of his party, Conkling was no longer in politics, but the sequel proved that his was still the will and power to strike a mortal blow. A defec-

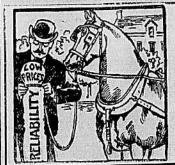


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